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MEXICAN NATIONALS LIVING IN KC SENTENCED IN METH CONSPIRACY

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that two Mexican nationals living in Kansas City, Mo., were sentenced in federal court today for conspiring to distribute methamphetamine.

Jorge A. Fernandez, 21, and **Juan C. Martinez**, 25, both citizens of Mexico living in Kansas City, were sentenced by Chief U.S. District Judge Dean Whipple this morning. **Fernandez** was sentenced to 10 years in federal prison without parole and **Martinez** was sentenced to three years and 10 months in federal prison without parole.

Martinez and **Fernandez** each pleaded guilty on June 15 and 21, 2005, respectively. By pleading guilty, the co-defendants admitted to distributing 50 grams or more of methamphetamine between July 22 and Aug. 10, 2004.

The co-defendants were originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Sept. 7, 2004, in Kansas City.

This case was prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Joseph M. Marquez. The case was investigated by the Jackson County Drug Task Force.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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